

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 12, 2011
MINUTES

Vice-chairman Koppers convened the meeting at 6 p.m. All Board Members (except Chairman McClellan), the Deputy Clerk, Finance Director, members of the news media and interested citizens were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Beale said that the North Carolina General Assembly's Program Evaluation Division had released a report regarding the state's community college system, and a portion of the report suggests mandating the merger of smaller community colleges with larger systems located nearby, with Southwestern Community College being one of those identified for consolidation. Commissioner Beale said he would have a full report at the August meeting and suggested the board consider a resolution opposing the merger.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Beale gave the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The pledge to the flag was recited.

Vice-chairman Koppers noted that Chairman McClellan was out of town, that the County Manager would not be present due to his sister's death, and that the County Attorney was involved in a court case in Clay County and would not be attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Vic Drummond** suggested that the board consider a change in the order of business by moving adjustments to and approval of the agenda ahead of the public comment period.

The commissioners recognized Andy Shepherd, a Boy Scout from Duplin in Bladen County, North Carolina, who was attending the meeting as part of a communications class that would allow him to work toward earning a merit badge in communications.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda, as adjusted, by adding additional budget revisions to be presented by the Finance Director under Item 10.

COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: Ryan Sherby with the Southwestern Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation on the

draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Macon County, Franklin and Highlands. Mr. Sherby provided the board with an overview of the planning process, reviewed the individual elements of the plan (highway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian and multimodal), and the adoption process for the plan. Mr. Sherby asked the board to consider hosting a public hearing on the plan, adding that that he would return at a later date and request the board to adopt it. The plan will be presented to both towns at a later date, and once all three local government entities have approved it, it will be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for adoption. Mr. Sherby pointed out that the board would be considering adopting the set of maps contained in the back of the draft plan. Commissioner Beale, who chairs the Southwestern Regional Planning Organization (RPO), said the plan puts the county in a strong position for future roadway improvements. Following additional comments from the board, Vice-chairman Koppers explained that the board would accept the draft plan and no official action would be taken at this time. He asked that the plan be posted on the county's website and to schedule a public hearing on it for the August regular meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK: Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to formally appoint Mike Decker as the Deputy Clerk to the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

DSS WORK FIRST ELECTING COUNTY DESIGNATION: Following a presentation by Jane Kimsey, Department of Social Services Director, and upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to accept the Macon County Welfare Reform Planning Committee's recommendation and continue Macon County's status as an Electing County for the Work First Program for the 2012-2014 Biennium.

CHANGE ORDER FOR LITTLE TENNESSEE/CARTOOGECHAYE CREEK TRUNK SEWER PROJECT: The Finance Director explained that the purpose of the change order, number eight on the project, was to account for additional costs incurred due to soft subgrade for the gravity sewer pipe foundations. Essentially, the majority of the additional \$48,674 was for stone. Following discussion, and upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Vice-chairman Koppers, the board voted unanimously to approve Change Order Number 8 as presented (Attachment 1).

BUDGET REVISIONS: The Finance Director presented the following budget revisions:

- Number 225 (from Fiscal Year 2010-11): To appropriate \$8,925 in Controlled Substance Tax and \$1,582 in federal forfeiture funds to the Sheriff's Department for equipment (vehicles) and operating supplies, respectively. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 2).
- Number 226 (from Fiscal Year 2010-11): To appropriate \$44,455 in donations to the Sheriff's Department for the Sheriff's Special Fund (Shop with a Cop). Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 3).
- Number 4 (current fiscal year): To transfer \$48,674 from contingency to construction for Change Order Number 8 on the Little Tennessee River/Cartoogechaye Creek Trunk Sewer Project (as approved earlier in the meeting). Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 4).
- Number 5 (current fiscal year): To appropriate \$75,000 in revenue under the Urgent Repair Program in the Housing Department. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 5).
- Number 227 (from Fiscal Year 2010-11): To appropriate fire tax collected in 2010-11 that exceeded budgeted amounts to the Fire Tax Fund and to disperse that revenue to the various departments as shown. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 6).
- Number 8 (current fiscal year): To appropriate an increase of \$24,971 in the Department of Social Services due to the reimbursements stemming from the 3 percent pay increase, and to reduce the fund balance appropriation by a like amount. Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 7).
- The board agreed to consider Numbers 9, 10, 11 and 12 under one motion. Number 9: To decrease the Safe/Drug-free supplies line item in the Health Department by \$8,183 and to decrease fund balance by a like amount so that the line item will match the current rollover amount (Attachment 8). Number 10: To decrease the Operating line item in the Health Department by \$1,345 and to decrease the fund balance by a like amount so that the budget reflects the amount that was state approved (Attachment 9). Number 11: To decrease the Operating line item in the Health

Department by \$4,509 and to decrease the fund balance by a like amount to reduce the budget to match the state allocation (Attachment 10). Number 12: To decrease the Operating line item in the Health Department by \$3,645 and to decrease the fund balance by a like amount to reduce the budget to match the state allocation (Attachment 11). Upon a motion by Commissioner Haven, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendments as presented.

- Number 13: To appropriate \$38,535 from fund balance to various general fund departments for continuing contracts from Fiscal Year 2010-11. Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Beale, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 12).
- Number 14: To carry forward appropriations of grant funding for three separate projects in Emergency Management totaling \$177,550. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 13).
- Number 15: To transfer \$12,000 from contingency to the Little Tennessee Sewer Capital Project Fund to extend the period of the Sewer Solution contract. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 14).
- Number 16: To appropriate \$80,389 as a transfer from fund balance to the Department of Social Services for federal adoption funds received and foster care donations for childrens' birthdays. Upon a motion by Commissioner Beale, seconded by Commissioner Corbin, the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment as presented (Attachment 15).

ADJOURN: Upon a motion by Commissioner Corbin, seconded by Commissioner Haven, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

Jack Horton, County Manager
Clerk to the Board

Brian McClellan
Board Chairman